

REMARKS

In the office action dated September 24, 2007, all claims were rejected. To further advance prosecution, Applicants are amending the independent claims 1, 10, 11, and 14. Claims 1, 3-14, and 16-18 are pending. Favorable consideration of the claims as amended is requested.

The independent claims are being amended to recite that one of a plurality of predetermined contexts are applicable to the type of the database objects where the one predetermined context defines that at least one of the plurality of data portions is relevant for the predefined context. The amendment is supported by the present disclosure, for example in the description of the contexts 116, which are applicable to the type of the objects 114. (Specification 4:3-10.)

In addition, independent claims 10, 11, and 14 are being amended to recite that the subject matter is tangibly embodied in a computer readable storage device. The amendment is supported by the present disclosure. For example, the specification describes that:

Generally, a computer will also include, or be operatively coupled to communicate with, one or more mass **storage devices** for storing data files; such devices include magnetic disks, such as internal hard disks and removable disks; magneto-optical disks; and optical disks. **Storage devices** suitable for tangibly embodying computer program instructions and data include all forms of non-volatile memory, including by way of example semiconductor memory devices, such as EPROM, EEPROM, and flash memory devices; magnetic disks such as internal hard disks and removable disks; magneto-optical disks; and CD-ROM and DVD-ROM disks. (Specification 8:9-19; emphasis added.)

As such, the disclosure describes various storage devices, all of which are configured to be read by a computer (i.e., a computer readable storage device).

No new matter is added.

Claim rejections

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 11-12, 14 and 16 were rejected under § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. 6,396,475 (Ellenby). Claims 9 and 19 were rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Ellenby in view of official notice. Claims 13 and 17 were rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellenby in view of U.S. 5,428,731 (Powers).

These rejections are rendered moot in view of the above amendments. Moreover, Ellenby was relied on in the previous office action and Applicants will not explicitly repeat those remarks here. Nevertheless, and without conceding that the rejections have merit, Applicants will make the following notes.

The Examiner took the position that the amended claims did not properly recite multiple contexts being applicable to a particular type of object or that multiple objects are of the same type and can be associated with different contexts. (Office action page 11.)

Claim 1 is directed to a method of providing access to database objects. Particularly, claim 1 states that “a plurality of predetermined contexts [are] applicable to the type of the database objects.” As also noted in Applicants’ previous response, Ellenby does not relate to multiple contexts being applicable to a particular type of object.

Because “a plurality of predetermined contexts are applicable to the type of the database objects, the one predetermined context defining that at least one of the plurality of data portions is relevant for the predefined context,” the independent claims now properly recite multiple contexts being applicable to a particular type of object. In addition, the expression “the type of the database objects” should address the second issue raised by the Examiner. Applicants are not, however, conceding that the Examiner’s position regarding the previous version of the claims has merit.

Ellenby relates to remote addressing of objects. (Title, Abstract.) Ellenby shows that different objects (e.g., a school, a financial building or a restaurant) can be selected. (FIGs. 1-3.) In addition, Ellenby explains that objects can have certain attributes that suggest how to interact with them and depending on the type of object selected, a toolbar device may be selected and displayed (Ellenby 7:66-8:1) and (Ellenby 8:15-16), respectively.

As such, Ellenby does not disclose or suggest the “displaying,” “receiving,” “identifying,” “selecting” and “displaying” steps recited in claim 1. For similar reasons, Ellenby also does not anticipate or render obvious the subject matter of independent claims 10, 11 or 14,

or any of the present dependent claims. Regarding the rejection of dependent claims 9 and 19 in particular, Applicants submit that the Examiner has not cited a proper reference.

Conclusion

All pending claims 1, 3-14, and 16-18 are believed to be patentable over the references of record. Favorable reconsideration in form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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